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In re Application of:

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Applicants in the above application ask that the Notice of Abandonment dated July 6, 2004 be withdrawn since the Applicants never received the office action of November 4, 2003.

Applicants had not received any response to their status letter of November 27, 2002 and the undersigned attorney was following up by telephone with the Examiner handling the application in May of 2003 and was informed that she would not act on the application for another three months. Another follow up with the Examiner near the end of September of 2003 resulted in the Examiner indicating that it would be another month or two before she reached the same. The undersigned followed up in June of 2004 with the Patent Office and was informed that the Examiner who had been handling the application had left the Patent Office and that an office action on November 4, 2003 had

been issued. The same was never received by the undersigned's law firm as can be seen

from the copies of the pages in early November 2003 of their log book submitted

herewith.

The undersigned informed the Patent Office that the November 4, 2003 office

action had never been received and requested the Patent Office to telefax a copy of the

said office action which was effected by Carols A. Azpuru on June 28, 2004 at which

time, the office action was immediately forwarded to the client and a draft response was

submitted to the client on June 30, 2004. The present petition and amendment were

prepared and filed. Therefore, under these circumstances, it is requested that the

application be reinstated since Applicants never received the office action and could not

timely respond thereto. Moreover, Applicants were diligent in following up with the

Patent Office concerning the same. PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing the

\$130.00 petition fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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